(b) if so, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether quality of the said coal has also been estimated; and

(d) if so, the details regarding the category as well as the quantity of the said coal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) and (b) As per the latest estimate of Geological Survey of India (GSI), as on 1.1.2006, a total of 61999 Million Tonnes of coal resources have been estimated in the State of Orissa.

(c) and (d) The coal occurring in Orissa State is Non-coking type. The quality (grade) of coal in Proved and Indicated category has been assessed whereas the estimation of grade in Inferred category is not undertaken. The grade-wise, category-wise break-up of coal resources, as estimated by GSI on 1.1.06, is given below:—

Category of Resources	Grade-wise Coal Resources (Million Tonnes)					Total (Million Tonnes)
	Grade-A	Grade-B	Grade-C	Grade-D	Grade-EFG	
Proved	21	189	224	421	16056	16911
Indicated	129	488	986	3505	25685	30793
Inferred	Grade not assessed					14295
Total						61999

Royalty on Coal for Chhattisgarh

†1643. SHRI NARAYAN SINGH KESARI:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State of Chhattisgarh has requested for fixing royalty on coal on market-rate basis;

(b) whether the rate of royalty should have been revised by now;

(c) if so, whether the demand of the State for fixing 25 per cent royalty on market-rate basis has been accepted; and

(d) whether coal producing States have their representation in Committee which fixes the royalty; if not, the reasons thereof?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Section 9(3) of the Mines & Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act 1973 does not allow the Central Government to enhance royalty in respect of any mineral before the expiry of three years from the last increase. The last increase was effected from 16.08.2002. A Committee was constituted on 02.06.2005 to consider revision of rates of royalty on coal and lignite. The Committee has since submitted its report.

(d) There were no representatives from the States in that Committee. The Committee has, however, obtained the views and comments of the States, both through questionnaires as well as formal interactions. Their interests as well as suggestions were considered by the Committee, while finalizing the report.

CIL proposal for hospital in Kolkata

1644. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether any approval by Coal India Limited was given in 2004 for construction of AIIMS type hospital in Kolkata;

(b) the total expenditure incurred by Coal India Limited for advertisement in papers and hoardings;

(c) the amount spent as dole/compensation for land and names of the beneficiaries; and

(d) the present status of this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) An MoU between Coal India Limited (CIL) and Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) was signed on 31st January 2004 for construction of a super speciality hospital as a joint venture endeavor of KMC and CIL.

(b) The total expenditure incurred by CIL for advertisements in Newspapers and errection, illumination and maintenance of hoardings at the proposed site was Rs. 45.48 lakhs. The details are as under:-

i) Advertisement in Newspapers Rs. 41.76 lakhs

ii) Errection, illumination & maintenance of hoardings Rs. 3.72 lakhs